

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-51 are presently pending in this application.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-51 were provisionally rejected as being unpatentable over pending United States patent application number 10/114,052 (hereinafter the '052 Application) or Claim 1 of United States patent application number 10/163,529(hereinafter the '529 Application) on obviousness-type double patenting grounds; and Figures 1, 3, 5, 14 and 17-21 were objected to.

The '052 Application and the '529 Application are commonly assigned to The Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd..

Because the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection is the only rejection in the present application, and because neither the '052 Application nor the '529 Application have been allowed, it is respectfully requested that the double patenting rejection be withdrawn from the present application so the present application may be allowed (MPEP 804.1.B). Appropriate action may then be taken in the '052 Application or the '529 Application.

As for objection to figures 1, 3, 5, 14 and 17-21, a separate letter requesting approval of drawing changes, having modified lines, numbers and letters uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable, and black, is filed herewith.

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Consequently, the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance, and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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